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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

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The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The relevance of foreign-language documents A14, A15 and A24 is described in the present specification.

Documents A18 and A20-22 came to Applicants' attention during a search of the corresponding European application. A copy of the European Search Report setting forth the portion of each reference considered relevant by the examiner is attached.

Document A23 discloses a new type of operating surface protective procedures for pistons of combustion motors.

English translations of the foreign-language documents are not readily available. However, English language abstracts are provided herewith. Consequently, the foreign language documents have been submitted in compliance with the PTO requirements and, therefore, the document should be considered by the Examiner (37 CFR §1.97, §1.98 and MPEP §609).

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	A20	EP	0 818 622	A1	FORD GLOBAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	01-14-1998		
	A21	WO	01/61182	A1	CATERPILLAR INC.	08-23-2001		

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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	A22	D.G. Watson et al., "Engineering Drawing Practice," XP002281300, University of Hertfordshire, Sept. 1991, page 29, Figure 38.	

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